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SUBJECT: SCHMIDT MEETS WITH KING, PRIME MINISTER, SOCIALIST LEADER

1. WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT CAPPED HIS HOLIDAY IN SOUTHERN SPAIN WITH A STORT STOP-OVER JANUARY 6-7 IN MADRID, WHERE HE HAD WELL-PUBLICIZED MEETINGS WITH KING JUAN CARLOS, PRIME MINISTER ADOLFO SUAREZ (WHO HOSTED A DINNER FOR HIM), AND SOCIALIST (PSOE) LEADER FELIPE GONZALEZ.

2. LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE AS YET HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC REGARDING THE TALKS, BUT WE WILL REPORT AFTER WE TALK PRIVATELY WITH THESE PRIVY TO THE SUBSTANCE OF SCHMIDT'S TALKS HERE, GONZALEZ TOLD REPORTERS AFTER HIS MEETING WITH SCHMIDT (WHICH CAME FIRST) THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED SUCH CURRENT POLITICAL ISSUES AS AMNESTY, THE LEGALIZATION OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, AND PROSPECTS FOR GOVERNMENT-OPPOSITION NEGOTIATIONS, AS WELL AS CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

3. FOR HIS PART, SCHMIDT ON ARRIVAL AT MADRID'S AIRPORT EXPRESSED GOOD WISHES FOR THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS IN SPAIN, WHICH HE SAID "IS FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST AND SYMPATHY ABROAD." IN HIS

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DINNER TOAST, HE SALUTED SUAREZ AS "ONE OF THE CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT WHO HAS HAD GREATEST SUCCESS IN EUROPE...WE SEE WITH ADMIRATION AND WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE EVOLUTION OF THE POLITICAL REFORM WHICH YOU ARE DIRECTING WITH SUCH ENERGY IN SPAIN."

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